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PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR TITLE REGISTRATION IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications received by RNI from weeklies, fortnightlies, Monthliesetc. for title registration during the last three years so far State-wise;

(b) the time-frame for completion of formalities and accord of title registration;

(c) whether a large number of such applications from Gujarat are pending;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) The State-wise details of applications received by the Office of the Registrar ofNewspapers for India (RNI) forregistration of weeklies, fortnightlies, monthlies and publications of other periodicities during the calendar years 1999, 2000 and 2001 are given in the Annexures I, II and III respectively.

(b) The office of the RNI normally issues Certificate of Registration within one month ofreceipt of complete documents. If the documents submitted by the publisher are incomplete, the office of the RNI sends discrepancy letter to that effect to the publisher, for rectification.

(c), (d) & (e): Though the office of the RNI endeavours to dispose off the applications assoon as possible, some applications for registration of newspapers from various States, including Gujarat, are pending. The pendency is due to non- completion of various formalities and non-submission of correct and complete documents by the publishers. Appropriate advisory letters have been issued by the RNI to the publishers in such cases.